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SEOUL PASS MINISTER JURICH FROM PHELAN

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SUBJ: CANADIAN MODIFICATION OF ITS TEXTILE BILATERALS

REF: SEOUL 7298

1. CANADIANS HAVE NOT RPT NOT INFORMED TSB THAT ALL THEIR EXISTING TEXTILE RESTRAINT AGREEMENTS, EXCEPT FOR AGREEMENT WITH JAPAN, "HAVE ALREADY BEEN BROUGHT INTO CONFORMITY WITH MFA". GOJ OFFICIALS HAVE BEEN MISINFORMED.

2. CANADIANS, TO DATE, HAVE COMPLETED NEGOTIATIONS AND NOTIFIED TSB OF ONLY TWO NEW BILATERAL RESTRAINT AGREEMENTS: KOREA AND SINGAPORE. TEXTS THESE AGREEMENTS BEING AIR POUCHED UNDER REFERENCE THIS MESSAGE AS PER REQUEST PARA 2 REFTEL.

3. CANADIAN MISSION HERE (CLARK) INFORMED PHELAN TODAY
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THAT CANADA IS PRESENTLY NEGOTIATING (IN STAGES-BY FITS AND

STARTS) AGREEMENTS WITH: PRC, HONGKONG, HUNGARY, INDIA, HJAPAN, POLAND AND ROMANIA. CLARK DIDN'T KNOW PRESENT STATUS GOC AGREEMENT WITH MALAYSIA. SAID GOC WAS STILL "TALKING TO" TAIWAN IN EFFORT GET INFORMAL ROC AGREEMENT WHICH, OF COURSE, MAY BE NOTIFIED TO TSB FOR INFORMATION ONLY AS A UNILATERAL ACTION SINCE ROC IS NOT MFA PARTICIPANT AND GOC DOES NOT RECOGNIZE ROC.

4. CANADA IS UNDER NO OBLIGATION TO NOTIFY FORMALLY PRC AGREEMENT BUT MAY DO SO INFORMALLY "FOR INFO ONLY" OF TSB. DECISION ON THIS APPARENTLY NOT REACHED IN OTTAWA.

5. WITH REGARD TO GOC UNILATERAL IMPORT QUOTAS ON COTTON YARNS AND WOVEN AND KNITTED SHIRTS (ALL FIBERS), CLARK SAID STATUS THESE RESTRAINTS REPORTEDLY UNDER CURRENT REVIEW BY CANADIAN TEXTILE AND CLOTHING BOARD. ELEVEN COUNTRIES ARE SUBJECT TO THESE RESTRAINTS. (SEE GATT DOCUMENT COM. TEX/SB/228 JUNE 1974.) DALE

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